GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN THE OBC QUOTA
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government had sent any recommendation to theUnion Government with regard to increasing reservation quota for backward classes in Government jobs to 27 per cent during the period from 1993 to 1998;

(b) if so, the number of memorandum sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government tothe Union Government for getting the said recommendation approved; and

(c) the reasons behind delay in according approval to these recommendations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b)Yes, Sir. There is a solitary proposal namely `Madhya Pradesh Lok Seva(Anusuchit Jatiyon, Anusuchit Janjatiyon Aur Anya Pichhade Vargon Ke Liye Arakshan) Sanshodhan Vidheyak, 1995` from the Government of MadhyaPradesh for the consideration of the President. This was received on 24.10.1995.

(c) The Bill received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh had procedurallybeen examined in consultation with the concerned Administrative Ministries. Itwas observed that the percentage provided for various categories of posts were in excess of 50% laid down by the Hon`ble Supreme Court in the case of IndiraSawhney and Others Vs Union of India and Others and it was therefore, advised that the Bill may be returned to the Governor with a message from the President. Accordingly `Madhya Pradesh Lok Seva (Anusuchit Jatiyon, Anusuchit Janjatiyon Aur Anya Pichhade Vargon Ke Liye Arakshan)Sanshodhan Vidheyak, 1995` , has been returned to the Governor of Madhya Pradesh on 11.12.2001 with a message that the State Legislature may reconsider and suitably amend to provide that:-

(i) the percentage of total reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes should not exceed 50 %; and

(ii) the category-wise percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes should be the same for all posts, i.e., Class I to Class IV.